

to the distal terminating end of the body member of the stent to form a single lumen through the prostatic stent-catheter system.

11. (Amended) The prostatic stent-catheter system according to claim 10 wherein the stent further comprises a retaining member extending from the proximal end portion of the body member of the stent, the retaining member capable of holding the body member substantially within the prostatic section of the urethra.

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12. (Amended) The prostatic stent-catheter system according to claim 10 wherein the stent further comprises a retaining member extending from the proximal end portion of the body member of the stent, the retaining member being collapsible and expandable.

19. (Amended) A method of placing a prostatic stent-catheter system, comprising the steps of:

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- (a) providing the prostatic stent-catheter system which comprises:
    - (i) a stent comprising a body member including a distal terminating end, a proximal end portion, and a lumen extending within the body member, the body member sized for placement substantially within the prostatic section of the urethra with the distal terminating end located proximal of the external sphincter; and
    - (ii) a connecting segment comprising an elongated body member including a distal end located outside of a patient's body, a proximal end releasably coupled to the distal terminating end, and a lumen which extends within the elongated body member and aligns with the lumen of the body member of the stent when the proximal end of the elongated body member of the connecting segment is coupled to the distal terminating end of the body member of the stent to form a single lumen through the prostatic stent-catheter system;
  - (b) inserting the prostatic stent-catheter system into the patient's urethra;